



# **MEDICAID HEALTH PLANS**

## **Dental Services**

**Dental, Craniofacial and Oral/Maxillofacial Surgery**

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# OBJECTIVES

- Understand the different oral/facial specialties and the services provided
- Understand which procedures are MEDICAL
- Which procedures are DENTAL
- Understand which procedures are the responsibility of the Health Plans
- Basic terminology

# GENERAL DENTISTRY

- General dentistry **is not** a benefit covered by the Health Plans
- General dentistry **is** a benefit covered by Medicaid
- Transportation for dental appointments should be arranged through the Department of Human Services (DHS)

# ***HEALTHY KIDS DENTAL***

- HKD is a contract between Delta Dental and MDCH and covers dental services for **Medicaid eligible** beneficiaries <21 who reside in the 75 participating counties.
- DHS identifies the eligible beneficiaries on a monthly basis and provides this information through Bridges to CHAMPS.
- Eligible beneficiaries are assigned to the HKD program and this information is provided to Delta Dental.
- This 3-step process can result in delays in coverage so it is **so important** the verification of eligibility is done before every appointment.

# ***HEALTHY KIDS DENTAL***

- Transportation for dental appointments for HKD beneficiaries and Medicaid FFS should be arranged by DHS. Delta Dental **does not** provide transportation for HKD beneficiaries.
- Most Medicaid eligible beneficiaries who reside in the 75 participating counties are automatically enrolled in HKD, but there will always be a FFS component in HKD counties due to special living arrangements.

# ORAL/FACIAL SPECIALTIES

- **Oral/facial specialties cross-over between medical and dental in many areas.**
- Need an understanding of each specialty:
  - Craniofacial Reconstructive Surgeon
  - Orthodontist
  - Oral Surgeon



# HEALTH PLAN RESPONSIBILITIES

- Medical service **is** the responsibility of the Health Plan
- Dental is a “carved out” service and **is not** the responsibility of the Health Plan.
- **TRANSPORTATION:**
  - Medical transportation **is** the responsibility of the Health Plan
  - Dental transportation **is not** the responsibility of the Health Plan

# CRANIOFACIAL SURGEONS

- **Craniofacial surgeons**
- Craniofacial surgery is a surgical subspecialty of plastic surgery that handles congenital and acquired deformities of the skull, face and jaws.
- ***What does this mean?***
- This is surgery that corrects congenital head and facial defects or defects resulting from injury or chronic conditions.
- **Examples include:**
  - Cleft lip and Palate
  - Facial fractures
  - Micrognathia
- Craniofacial surgery ***is*** the responsibility of the Health Plans



# ORTHODONTICS

## Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics

- Orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics is the dental specialty that includes the diagnosis, prevention, interception, and correction of malocclusion, as well as neuromuscular and skeletal abnormalities of the developing or mature orofacial structures
- *ADA –April-2003*

## *What does this mean?*

- Orthodontics involves straightening teeth and correcting abnormalities with the bite.
- **Examples include:**
  - Palatal expanders
  - Retainers
  - Comprehensive orthodontic treatment.
- Orthodontics is dental and it ***is not*** the responsibility of the Health Plans

# ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

## Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery:

- Oral and maxillofacial surgery is the specialty of dentistry which includes the diagnosis, surgical and adjunctive treatment of diseases, injuries and defects involving the oral and maxillofacial regions.

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## ***WHAT DOES THIS MEAN???***

- The oral surgeon performs some services that are considered **MEDICAL** and some services that are considered **DENTAL**.
- **MEDICAL** services are the responsibility of the health plans.
- **DENTAL** services ***are not*** the responsibility of the Health Plan.

# ORAL SURGERY EXAMPLES

## MEDICAL SERVICES

- Orthognathic Surgery
- Repair of a fracture
- Biopsy of a lesion
- Removal of a cyst

## DENTAL SERVICES

- Extraction of a tooth
- Exposure of an impacted tooth.
- Mobilize a malposition tooth
- Extraction of roots or tooth remnants.

# ***Medical or Dental questions to ask?***

- **What specialist is the beneficiary seeing?**
- **Do not count on the patient or family to know this!**
- If the beneficiary is seeing an Orthodontist, this is **DENTAL**
- **EXAMPLES:**
  - Orthodontic bands
  - Retainers
  - Palatal expanders
- If the beneficiary is seeing a Craniofacial Surgeon this is **MEDICAL**
- **EXAMPLES:**
  - Cleft palate repair
  - Trauma reconstruction

# ***Questions to ask???***

- **If the beneficiary is seeing an Oral Surgeon, more questions will need to be asked...**
- **What service is being performed?**
  - If the beneficiary is seeing an Oral Surgeon for tooth extraction this is **DENTAL**.
  - If the beneficiary is seeing an Oral Surgeon for Orthognathic Surgery this is **MEDICAL**
  - If the beneficiary is seeing an Oral Surgeon for biopsy of a lesion this is **MEDICAL**



# ORAL/FACIAL DEFINITION QUIZ

## DEFINITIONS

- **EXTRACTIONS**—this means the removal of teeth and includes:
  - **Coronal remnants** (fragments of teeth)
  - **Erupted teeth** (teeth that are visible in the mouth)
  - **Impacted teeth** (teeth that are embedded in the tissue and/or supporting bone—these are not visible in the mouth)
  - **Root removal** (fragments of the roots still left in the tissue and/or supporting bone.

**CLEFT PALATE** —Congenital deformity where the soft and/or hard palate (roof of the mouth) either partial or completely fails to close. Requires surgery.

## MEDICAL OR DENTAL?

- **DENTAL**
- **MEDICAL**

# ORAL/FACIAL DEFINITION QUIZ

## DEFINITIONS

- **ORTHOGNATHIC**—surgery pertaining to the face or jaw. Correction of the functional relationship of maxilla (upper) and mandible (lower) jaws.
- **CLEFT LIP** — a surgery to correct a congenital deformity where the lip either partial or completely fails to close during development .
- **ABSCESS OR FISTULA** —an infection of a tooth that originates from deep decay or periodontal disease (gum tissue infection)
- **LEFORT I, II or III**—surgeries to reconstruct the maxilla (upper jaws)
- following fractures

## MEDICAL OR DENTAL?

- **MEDICAL**
- **MEDICAL**
- **DENTAL**
- **MEDICAL**

# POINTS TO REMEMBER

## What matters?

- What the service is that is being performed

## What doesn't matter?

- The place of service
- What the service may be related to
- If this is a mixed treatment plan, meaning its BOTH medical and dental (example: Ortho)

# QUESTIONS???

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